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A Surgical Instrument

Abstract

A surgical instrument comprising an elongate hollow probe (1) having first and
5 second apertures (4 and 5) at its distal end portion. An elongate drive shaft is disposed
within the probe (1) and is mounted for rotation about its longitudinal axis within the
probe. A cutting tool (2, 34) is located at the distal end of the drive shaft, and is
positioned adjacent to the first aperture (4). A bipolar electrosurgical device (3) is
located at the distal end of the probe (1) in the region of the second apertures (5). The
10 electrosurgical device includes an active electrode (13) and a return electrode (11)
separate and insulated therefrom. A motor (6) is provided for rotating the drive shaft,
and suction means is provided for selectively providing a source of suction at either the
first aperture (4) or the second apertures (5).